

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp comprising:

an outer envelope (1) in which a discharge vessel (11) is arranged around a longitudinal axis (22),

the discharge vessel (11) enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space (13) provided with an ionizable filling,

the discharge vessel (11) having a first (2) and a second (3) mutually opposed neck-shaped portion through which a first (4) and a second (5) current-supply conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes (6, 7) arranged in the discharge space (13),

the outer envelope (1) having a bulb-shaped portion (2) adjacent the discharge space (13),

the bulb-shaped portion (2) having a wall thickness  $d_1$ ,

the remainder of the outer envelope (1) having a wall thickness  $d_2$ , wherein

the ratio of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is other than unity is within the range of

$$\underline{0.35 \leq \frac{d_1}{d_2} \leq 1.5}, \text{ except that } \underline{\frac{d_1}{d_2} \neq 1}.$$

2. (Previously Presented) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is in a range of:

$$0.4 \leq \frac{d_1}{d_2} \leq 0.8.$$

3. (Previously Presented) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer envelope (1) is made from quartz glass, hard glass or soft glass.

4. (Currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 3, wherein the bulb-shaped portion (2) of the outer envelope (1) is formed in a mold.